

## REMARKS

The Office Action states that the application is subject to restriction between five groups of claims, which are defined as:

- I. Claims 1-6, 18-24 are drawn to a method for inhibiting elastase and/or collagenase in a wound, classified in class 424, subclass 78.06.
- II. Claims 7-10 are drawn to a composition comprising a combination of a sulfonated styrene copolymer and a tetracycline, classified in class 507, subclass 125.
- III. Claims 11-13 are drawn to a composition comprising a combination of a sulfonated styrene copolymer and an amino acid, classified in class 507, subclass 125.
- IV. Claim 14 is drawn to a process for manufacturing articles comprising of at least one sulfonated styrene copolymer, said article selected from tubes, sheets and 3-D constructs, said process comprising electrodepositing the sulfonated styrene polymer to form the article, classified in class 424, subclass 443.
- V. Claims 15-17 are drawn to a method for controlling biological organisms on a porous surface, classified in class 424, subclass 473.

For prosecution in this application, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group V (claims 15-17), a method for controlling biological organisms on a porous surface. This election is without traverse and without prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of the non-elected claims in related applications.

New claims 25-34 have been added and are dependent on elected claim 15. New claims 25-34 include the limitations of cancelled claims 2, 4, 5, 8, and 18-21, 23, and 24, which further describe and further add limitations to claim 15. No new matter has been added.

Should any questions arise in connection with this Application, Applicants' agent can be reached at the below-listed telephone number.

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